

NRCS-New Mexico - (Las Vegas Field Office)
FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - (Potential Points 100)									
Note: Instructions on separate sheet			% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Points Bench Mark	Points After
Rangelands:	SI of 76-1 00 w/trend up or not apparent		%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	100			
	Ecological	SI of 51-75 with upward trend	%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	80			
	Site	SI of 51-75 with downward trend	%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	70			
	Similarity	SI of 26-50 with upward trend	%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	60			
	Index	SI of 26-50 with downward trend	%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	50			
	(SI)*	SI of 0-25 with upward trend	%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	40			
	SI of 0-25 with downward trend		%	_____ + _____ + _____ = _____	%	0			
Riparian	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____		%	100		
Grazed Forest:	Use Attachment 4	% Quality Bench Mark: _____	%	% Quality After: _____		%	100		
1. Plants			Total	100%	Total	100%	Total:		

2. Conservation Practices(s) Selection - (Potential Points 115)						
Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the EQIP Contract must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans.				Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	Points After
Soil Erosion (sheet & rill); Water (inefficient use); Plants (Productivity, health & vigor); Animals (domestic - Inadequate quantity * quality of feed & water)						
Pumping Plant (533)				10		
Fence (382)				10		
Well (642)				10		
Watering Facility (614)				5		
Pipeline (516)				10		
Spring Development (574)				10		
Pond (378)				10		
Prescribed Grazing (528)				50		
Soil Eroison (Ephemeral gully), Water quantity (Excessive runoff), Plant condition (invasive plants), animals (Inadequate quantity or quality of feed)						
Brush Management						
Level of infestation	% Area	Needing Treatment	% Area to be Treated in Contract	Potential Points	Bench Mark	Points After
Light				20	0	
Medium				40	0	
Heavy				60	0	
Note: Multiply % Area Needing Treatment by % Area Treated in Contract by Points to get After for each Level of infestation						
Total:						
Soil Erosion (Classic Gully)						
Grade Stab Structure (410) or Diversion (362)				10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection				Total:		

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Category 3. Other Considerations - Potential Points MAX 35

Below are some suggested , not required, criteria. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them here.			
	Potential Points	Bench-mark	Points - After
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active/proposed sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is with in a NMED designated Category 1 Watershed	5	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	15	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:	0	

Minimum points for enrollment is 30

Designated Conservationist: _____

Date: _____